Speech by H.E. Xie Bohua,Chinese Ambassador to Vanuatu at the Reception for the 66th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

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His Excellency Marcellion Pipite, Acting President of Vanuatu,

Hon. Mr. Moana Carcasses, Acting Prime Minister,

Hon. Mr. Ham Lini, Acting Leader of Opposition,

Hon. Ministers of Government, Members of the Parliament,

Hon. Madam. Sope, Chairperson of the Vanuatu-China Friendship Association,

Hon. Mr. Cheung Charles, President of Port Vila Chinese Club,

Hon. Mr. Leong Jean-Baptiste, President of Vanuatu Chinese Provinces Association,

Dear colleagues of the Diplomatic Corps,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening!

Tonight we gather here to warmly celebrate the 66th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Since 1840, for more than 100 years, the Chinese people had suffered from invasions, humiliations and wars. The founding of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949 initiated a new era in the history of China. Over the 66 years, under the leadership of Communist Party of China and with the concerted efforts of the Chinese people, great changes have taken place in China. We have turned China into the world's second largest economy. People's living standards were improved remarkably. Comprehensive national strength has been enhanced greatly. The international influence of China increased substantially. The great practice of building socialism with Chinese characteristics made socialism into a successful path and institutional system which providing an important guarantee for achieving the goal of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Over the 66 years, as the permanent member of the UN Security Council, China has upheld the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, consistently pursued an independent foreign policy of peace, stood for fairness and justice, supported reasonable claims and demands of the developing countries, firmly maintained world peace and promoted friendly relations with all other countries, which not only enhances China's international status, but also makes an important contribution to boost world multi-polarization, economic globalization and democracy in international relations .

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On September 3rd, Prime Minister Sato Kilman, was invited to attend the commemoration of 70th anniversary of the victory of Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. Vanuatu Mobile Force also participated in the V-day Parade with counterparts of China and other 15 countries. As known to all, Second World War has extended its flame all over to Asia, Europe, Africa and Oceania. The war inflicted over 100 million military and civilian casualties. Both China and Vanuatu, as combatants in the Asian and Southwestern Pacific theaters, have fought against the aggression of Japanese troops and made great contributions to the final victory of the Second World War. Although Vanuatu Mobile Force has just sent 7 soldiers to attend the V-day Parade in Beijing, but they represent peace, justice and the old Ni-Vanuatu generation who contributed their efforts for the victory of the war. As Chinese Ambassador to Vanuatu, I feel proud of their wonderful marching on in Tiananmen Square.

The only purpose for China to commemorate the victory of Second World War is to bear history in mind, honor all those who laid down their lives, cherish peace and open up the future. As Chinese President Xi Jinping said and I quote,"In the interest of peace, we need to foster a keen sense of a global community of shared future. Prejudice, discrimination, hatred and war can only cause disaster and suffering, while mutual respect, equality, peaceful development and common prosperity represent the right path to take. All countries should jointly uphold the international order and system underpinned by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, build a new type of international relations featuring win-win cooperation and advance the noble cause of global peace and development. "

Ladies and Gentlemen,

During his visit to China, Prime Minister Sato Kilman also met with President Xi Jinping. President Xi welcomed Kilman to attend China's commemoration of the victory of World War Two, fully affirming that the bilateral relations between China and Vanuatu have achieved considerable development in recent years. President Xi expressed his concern about Cyclone Pam which hit Vanuatu in March once again, stressing that the Chinese side will continue to support the reconstruction of Vanuatu. President Xi assured that China is ready to strengthen dialogue and communication between the two governments, legislatures, political parties, and local authorities, deepen cooperation in the fields of infrastructure, agriculture, fishery, tourism, expand the cultural and educational exchanges, support the reasonable appeals of Vanuatu in facing various global challenges and sustainable development. President Xi announced that China will provide a grant of 1.5 billion VT to Vanuatu next year. By the way, in order to face the challenge of widespread water shortages in Vanuatu, the Chinese government will donate 60 water tanks to the people of offshore islands as soon as possible.

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Prime Minister Sato Kilman appreciated China's help and support towards Vanuatu, especially the emergency and valuable assistance provided by China in the aftermath of Cyclone Pam, and has given high remarks on China's commemoration of the victory of Second World War. He emphasized that the meeting with President Xi is significant and fruitful. He said the Vanuatu government and the political parties will continue to strengthen all-round cooperation with China in various fields, firmly support the one-China policy and consolidate bilateral friendly relations.

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Since August 2012, I assume the post of Chinese Ambassador to Vanuatu. During the more than three years, then the Prime Ministers, Moana Carcasses, Joe Natuman, and then the deputy Prime Minister Ham Lini, and also current Prime Minister Sato Kilman have visited China more than once respectively. Their successful visits are of great significance to promote the development of our bilateral relations. I believe, with the joint efforts, the China-Vanuatu cooperation in various fields will be further developed, and the China-Vanuatu friendship standing the test of Cyclone Pam will be more everlasting.

Now, please allow me to propose a toast:

To the 66th anniversary of the funding of the People's Republic of China!

To the happiness, prosperity of Vanuatu!

To the bright future of China-Vanuatu relations!

To the lasting peace of the world!

To the health of all guests present!

Cheers!

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